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What's New at PLWC.org

Patient Information From the 2008 Gastrointestinal Cancers and Genitourinary Cancers Symposia

Several new resources from the 2008 Gastrointestinal Cancers (GI) and Genitourinary Cancers (GU) Symposia are now available on PLWC.org. The symposia were held January 25 to 27 and February 14 to 16, 2008, respectively. First, special editions of the *Cancer Advances* newsletter series that summarize some of the research presented at each meeting are available online at www.plwc.org/canceradvances. In addition, ASCO launched a new fact sheet series that gives a basic introduction to major cancer types. The following GI- and GU-related titles are available:

- *ASCO Answers: Colorectal Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Esophageal Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Liver Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Pancreatic Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Stomach Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Bladder Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Kidney Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Prostate Cancer*
- *ASCO Answers: Testicular Cancer*

Additional titles are being developed. The *ASCO Answers* fact sheets are available online at www.plwc.org/factsheets. To obtain print copies of the newsletters and fact sheets, call the ASCO Communications and Patient Information Department at (703) 519-2927.

PLWC Expands Spanish Language Resources for Patients

PLWC continues to increase its content for Spanish-speaking patients and their families. A new guide on the health risks of tobacco was recently added as part of ASCO's involvement in World Cancer Day 2008. PLWC En Español also offers detailed information on 25 common types of cancer among Hispanics/Latinos in the United States, including five new guides on childhood cancer:

- Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), Childhood
- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Childhood
- Astrocytoma, Childhood
- Central Nervous System Tumors, Childhood
- Brain Stem Glioma, Childhood

This information can be found at www.plwc.org/spanish or www.plwc.org/espanol.

Expanded Slide Deck Series Features Top 20 Cancer Types

PLWC offers customizable slide decks on the 20 most common cancer types for oncologists, oncology nurses, and other health-care professionals to use when giving lectures or community

presentations. The slide decks are based on the popular and recently updated Guides to Cancer and provide reliable, oncologist-approved cancer information in a turn-key PowerPoint presentation. The latest additions to this series include:

- *Understanding Thyroid Cancer*
- *Understanding Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer*
- *Understanding Ovarian Cancer*
- *Understanding Brain Cancer*
- *Understanding Multiple Myeloma*
- *Understanding Liver Cancer*
- *Understanding Esophageal Cancer*
- *Understanding Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*
- *Understanding Acute Myeloid Leukemia*

Slide decks are available at www.plwc.org/slidedecks.

World Cancer Day 2008: I Love My Smoke-Free Childhood

As a partner in the promotion of the International Union Against Cancer's World Cancer Day held on February 4, 2008, PLWC provided several resources on the risks of tobacco use, including a new *ASCO Expert Corner* on the key health messages of World Cancer Day, a *PLWC Podcast* on tobacco use adapted from ASCO's Cancer Prevention Curriculum, and several new or updated feature articles.

- *PLWC Feature: Resources to Help You Quit Smoking*
- *PLWC Feature: Best Defense Against Many Cancers*
- *PLWC Feature: Secondhand Smoke and Children*

These resources can be found at www.plwc.org.

Latest ASCO Expert Corner Articles for Patients Cover Timely Topics

New articles in PLWC's ASCO Expert Corner series are now available. This ongoing series taps into the expertise of ASCO's membership, providing timely information for patients on cancer-related topics. Recent articles' experts and topics include:

- Richard Schilsky, MD: Placebos in Cancer Clinical Trials
- Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD: Health Disparities in Cancer
- Christopher Azzoli, MD, and John Strawn, MD: A Decision Aid Tool for Lung Cancer
- Diane Blum, MSW: Addressing the Emotional and Social Needs of People With Cancer

This Q&A series is part of PLWC's Feature articles, which are practical articles written specifically for patients about topics in cancer care. The library of articles can be found at www.plwc.org/features.

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